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Impact of CWC on RCAs and NLWs



RCAs cannot be used as a STEP 1: Does the wearon STEP4: Is the US a "method of warfare" against use a substance that falls genty to an exmed conflict enemy combatants, but may be within the CWE definition used against noncombatants for of a Troy control agent "... law enforcement, riot control, or other noncombat purposes STEP 5: Is the US conducting STEP 2: Does the weapon like peacetime military operations a substance that falls within the within an area of outernational of CWC definition of "toxic-chemical" internal armed conflict? No CWC No CWC restrictions restrictions on use of RCAs STEP3: Does the weapon STEP 6: Has the authorized or unitze the "toxic chemical" for actual use of force made the US a purposes not promoted? de fucio party to al amed conflict the "toxic chemical" RCAs may be used against noncombatants for law enforcement, may be used for riot control, or other noncombat purposes. It is unresolved the intended purpose whether RCAs may be used against combatants when the US is the "toxic chemical" conducting peacetime military operations in an area of armed

conflict but is not a party to the armed conflict.

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may NOT be used for

the intended purpose